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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: A. Marschel
TADASHI OKAMOTO, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 1631
Application No.: 09/931,048)
: Filed: August 17, 2001)
: For: PROCESS FOR DETECTING)
: TARGET NUCLEIC ACID : June 6, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2005 for two months from April 6, 2005 to June 6, 2005.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$450.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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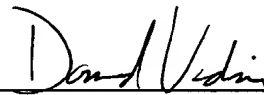
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June 6, 2005
Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Damond E. Vadnais", is written over a horizontal line.

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